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1. FOLLOWING IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF CATEGORY 26:

CATEGORY 26 DUCK PRESENTLY HAS SPECIFIC LIMIT OF 1,102,500

SYDS. TO CHANGE CATEGORY TO CONSULTATION LEVEL AND RAISE IT

9Y 162,500 SYDS REQUIRES AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT, HTCH

WILL BE DONE WHEN NOTES ARE EXCHANGED, PER REFTEL B.

2. HOWEVER, TO ACCOMMODATE RTG IMMEDIATE NEED FOR 162,500

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SYD IN CATEGORY 26 DUCK, USG HAS APPLIED RETROACTIVE SWING

AND CARRYOVER FROM PREVIOUS AGREEMENT YEARS WHICH ALLOWED
153,750 ADDITIONAL SQUARE YARDS TO BE ENTERED THIS AGREEMENT
YEAR. THAT QUANTITY PLUS SWING (55,125 SYD) FOR CURRENT
YEAR (REFTEL D) IF RTG REQUESTS IT, WILL YIELD 208,875 SYD.
CURRENT BALANCE IN CATEGORY 26 DUCK AS MARCH 14 IS 10,603
SYD.

3. SAMPLE FABRIC HAS BEEN SENT TO U.S. CUSTOMS LAB IN NEW
YORK. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF BACKLOG, ANSWER WILL COME IN
MAY.

4. IF RTG'S UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION IS DIFFERENT
PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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